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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y, E -- X	US 2002/0033598 A1 (BEASLEY) 21 March 2002 (21.03.2002), abstract, paragraphs 010 - 014, 018, 025, 031-032, 037-038.	1,14, 27, 36 2-8, 13, 15-23, 25-26, 28-30, 35
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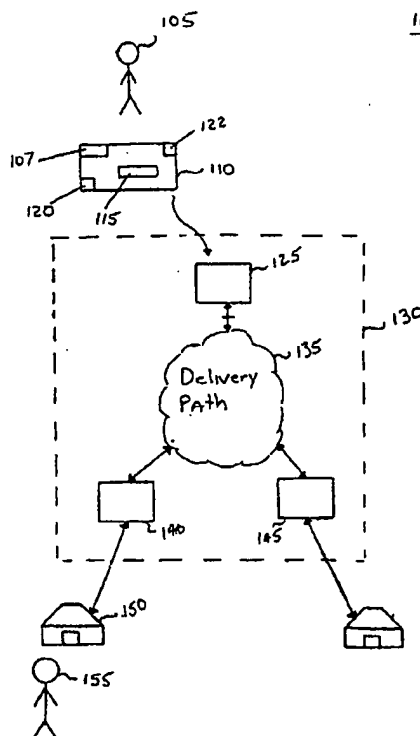
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(57) Abstract: A method and system for creating a personalized delivery payment coding includes selecting from a set of designs for the delivery payment coding, calculating an appropriate fee, paying an appropriate fee, and printing a selected design on delivery payment coding product paper.

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